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TOPIC - Dessau Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT 28 July to 15 August 1952

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Dessau airfield between 28 July and 23 August 1952:

28 July. IL-10 planes landed at the field at 8:45 a.m., 12:40 and 12:45 p.m. One plane had the No 12.

29 July. At 8:40 a.m., two formations of nine IL-10s each flew over the field at an altitude of 1,000 meters. The 18 planes landed between 9:33 and 9:54 a.m.

5 August. An IL-10 plane landed at 1:10 p.m.

8 August. Two biplanes and 47 IL-10s were counted at the field.

IL-10 planes were observed landing at 12:30, 1:25, 1:49 and 1:50 p.m.

Between 28 July and 8 August. work continued on the fence around the field.

16, 20 and 22 August. There was individual flying by IL-10s.

23 August. A large number of IL-10s took off at 6:45 a.m. heading northeast and returned to the field at 3:00 p.m. Four biplanes and 49 IL-10s were counted at the field. \*

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2. On 2 August, a train loaded with 120 to 150 air force personnel and 25 to 30 trucks was observed at Dessau railroad station en route to Wittenberg.

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3. The following aircraft and air activity were observed at the field between 2 and 15 August:

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2 August. Between 7 and 11 a.m., IL-10 planes made individual flights which lasted about 30 minutes. Some of the planes which approached for landing had to zoom away. Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., when the weather grew better, local flights were made.

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4 August. The aircraft which were previously parked in the southern section of the field were moved to the edge of the field where they were parked at greater distances.

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6 August. Two rows each of about 20 planes were observed in the center of the field. There was no flying.

12 August. Night flying started at 8:10 p.m. About 40 take-offs were observed up to 8:15 a.m. when there was a thunderstorm. A flare path, obstacle lights and a rotary searchlight were in operation. The planes flew with set position lights.

13 August. At 1 p.m., two biplanes started flying. They made individual flights which lasted about one hour.

15 August. Fifty IL-10s were parked at the field. Some of the planes had white upper edges on their rudder assemblies and white propeller hubs.

4. On 15 August, the fence extended around the entire field. There was a gap in the western extension of the runway.

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5. On 6 August, the AA guns previously emplaced on the southern edge of the field left the installation. \*\*\*

6. Between 10:45 and 11 a.m. on 14 August, there was no flying at the field. Forty-five to 50 IL-10s were parked at the field.

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The aircraft had white upper edges on their rudder assemblies. Three biplanes were also parked at the field. \*

7. The field was surrounded by a fence the southern section of which was still under construction. A gap was observed in the western extension of the runway.

\* Comment. The three sources confirm that Dessau airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment the aircraft of which have white upper edges on their rudder assemblies as tactical symbol.

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\*\* Comment. The unit dispatched by rail cannot be identified.

a unit of the Northern Ftr Corps is possibly concerned. Between 13 July and 3 August, that a shipment was dispatched from Parchim to Koethen probably in connection with the evacuation of Parchim airfield.

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\*\*\* Comment. An AA battery of six 37-mm guns was previously located there. On 7 August, AA guns were moved from Briesen airfield to Neubukow AA firing range. It is possible that the AA battery from Dessau airfield also went to Neubukow for firing practices with live ammunition.

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